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## PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1945. Eighty-three of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED]

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports, beginning with the most recent and working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED]. The numbering of the items was added by the translator [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Intelligence Report 8/9

(Based on Domestic Radio Traffic)

Dated: 24 Sept. 1943

1. METAL SUPPLY

- (1) Rostov, Construction Materials Supply, collected 30 tons of scrap iron in August.
- (2) Krasnodar, Iron Procurement, delivered from the beginning of the year up to 1 September 37 tons of scrap.
- (3) Groznyj procured in all 1787 tons of scrap in July/August, and shipped 1820 tons.
- (4) Baku NKRF procured for delivery in September 30 tons of scrap.
- (5) The Canning Trust in Makhachkala is to receive a delivery of 50 tons of wire and from this is to give one carload to the Canning Trust in Krasnodar.

REQUIREMENTS

- (6) Zestafoni requires from the CD for Metal Sales in Tbilisi and Baku the delivery of 2 carloads of cast iron in September.

AUTHORIZATIONS

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(7)	Stalingrad, Construction Industry	250 tons	Metal	Rostov/Don	---
(8)	Aralsk	8 tons	Metal	Ilijsk	---
(9)	Aralsk	18 tons	Metal	Soviet Foreign Trade	---
(10)	Krasnodar, Kraj Industrial Supply	20 tons	Iron	Gorkij, CD for Industrial Supply	---
(11)	Nakhichevan	40 tons	Iron	Magnitogorsk	---
(12)	Rostov/Don, Agricultural Supply	45 tons	Cast iron	Makhachkala, CD for Metal Sales	---
(13)	Saratov NKRF	2 tons	Profile iron	---	---
(14)	Kujbyshev	36 tons	Hoop iron	Ulyanovsk, Plant "Volodarskij"	---
(15)	Ulyanovsk NKRF	36 tons	Hoop iron	"	---
(16)	Syzran, Plant of Heavy Machine Industry	150 tons	Imported tin	Baku, Supply of Heavy Machine Industry	---
(17)	Baku, CD for Chemical Sales	100 tons	Tin	Astrakhan	---

(18)	Rostov/Don, "Energie"	18 tons	Tin	Podolsk, Plant #125	Delivery in Sept.
(19)	Rostov/Don NKRF	50	Tin	Alapaevsk	"
(20)	Rostov/Don NKRF	50	Tin	Magnitogorsk, Metal- works	"
(21)	Astrakhan "Volga- tanker"	1	Electro- welding wire	Saratov	---
(22)	Lower Volga Steam- ship Agency	4	Electro- welding wire	---	---
(23)	Stalingrad NKRF	4	Electro- welding wire	Saratov	Delivery in Sept.
(24)	Stalingrad NKRF	0.3	Insulating wire	Molotov NKRF	---
(25)	Voroshilovgrad, "Voroshilovugol"	18	Beams	Magnitogorsk	Supplementary
(26)	Moscow, Moscow- Oka Steamship Agency	4	Plates, 20-22 mm.	Molotov NKRF, Plant "Staryj Burlak"	---
(27)	Kirensk, Water Transport Base	20 units	Saws	---	For third quart- er
(28)	Kirensk, Water Transport Base	20 units	Crosscut saws	---	For 3rd quarter
(29)	Kutais, Paint Factory	7 cars.	Zinc	Sverdlovsk, CD for Chemical Supply	---

DELIVERIES

(30)	Scrap Collection Point	95 tons	Scrap	Krasnovodsk	In August
(31)	Scrap Collection Point	60	Scrap	Kirovakan, Chemical Plant	"
(32)	Ilijsk NKRF	18	Cast steel	Soviet Internal Trade	In September
(33)	Krasnodar, Plant 776	100	Cast iron	Krasnodar, Plant "Krasnolit"	---
(34)	Moscow, Raw Ma- terials Import	16	Steel	Dzhulfa, "Transovtrans"	---

2. TIMBER SUPPLY

(35) "Rostovugol" in Shakhty suffers from a lack of mining timber. In order to prevent a final stoppage of coal deliveries and of reconstruction work the immediate delivery of the amount of timber allotted for September is required.

(36) Blagoveshchensk NKRF is to receive for the 8 months of the ship repair period for Plant "Lenin" 2600 cu. meters of firewood, for the shipyard 1500 cu. meters of firewood, and Khabarovsk 6000 cu. meters of firewood.

(37) The following wood procurement plan is established for the area of the Upper Volga in the winter six months of 1943/44:

<u>Oblasti:</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>of which Timber:</u>
Yaroslavl	19,000 board feet	4,200 board feet
Ivanovo	21,000	3,500
Gorkij	50,000	17,000
Mari	11,000	5,000
Chuvash	7,500	1,500
Tatar	15,000	4,500

(38) In Aralsk 50 cubic meters of timber were procured and carried away in the first ten-day period of September.

(39) For the reconstruction of Krasnodar, Komsomol members have voluntarily procured 1500 cubic meters of timber.

(40) Ulan-Ude transported 8500 cubic meters of timber by 20 September.

(41) Raznesh'e NKRF must procure 400 cubic meters of timber for the Army.

(42) Svenigo NKRF must procure by the close of the third quarter 3000 cubic meters of timber and transport 2000 cubic meters.

(43) Khabarovsk carried out timber procurement in the third quarter in an unsatisfactory manner. It must transport 8000 cubic meters of timber by 20 September.

(44) In Rostov the reconstruction of the Fruit and Vegetable Products Enterprise is suspended because of a lack of construction timber. For this purpose 300 cubic meters of cut timber and 500 cubic meters of logs are required.

(45) Because of a lack of boards the Grain Procurement in Mozdok cannot build the necessary shelters.

<u>AUTHORIZATIONS</u>					
	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(46)	Astrakhan, "Volga-tanker"	6600 cu. m.	Timber	Molotov NKRF	In September
(47)	Groznyj, Timber Supply	15 cars	Timber	Kirov	In September
(48)	Groznyj, Timber Supply	15	Timber	Stalingrad	In September
(49)	Kirov, Vyatka Steamship Agency	4000 cu. m.	Timber	Molotov NKRF	In September
(50)	Stalingrad, Lower Volga Steamship Agency	4000 cu. m.	Timber	"	"
(51)	Stalingrad NKRF	8000	Timber	Belaya Steamship Agency	"
(52)	Tomsk, Pencil Factory	4000	Timber	Novosibirsk NKRF	"
(53)	Bukht Arakchino	3000	Construction timber	Molotov, Plant "Butyakov"	---

(54)	Stalingrad NKRF	21000cu. m.	Ship construction timber	---	For ship construction
(55)	Chiaturi, Man-ganese Trust	150 cars	Mining Timber	Gorkij, Timber Supply	In September
(56)	Novosibirsk, Plant 702 of the Iron Industry	7000 cu. m.	Logs	---	In September
(57)	N ovocherkassk, Suvorov Military Academy	13 cars	Logs	Moscow, Chief Quartermaster of the Red Army	In September for construction purposes
(58)	Rostov NKRF	5000 cu. m.	Logs	Stalingrad NKRF	---
(59)	Novocherkassk, Suvorov Military Academy	4 cars	Cut Timber	Moscow, Chief Quartermaster of the Red Army	In September for construction purposes
(60)	Chelny, Molotov Mooring	1800 cu. m.	Cut Timber	---	In September
(61)	Chistopol, Molotov Mooring	200	Cut Timber	---	"
(62)	Krasnodar, Fruit Trust	700	Thin boards	Tbilisi, NK for Trade	---
(63)	Taganrog, Plant "Andreev"	1 car	Boards	---	---
(64)	Taganrog, Plant "Andreev"	5 cars	Car supports	---	---

### 3. PRODUCTION

(65) For the carrying out of the intended construction in the harbor of Baku, it is proposed to add to the 10 trucks on hand 10 to 15 more vehicles. There are some 100,000 tons of construction materials to be transported.

(66) In Prokhladnaya (Caucasus) a mill is being built.

(67) In Armavir a Suvorov Military Academy is being built. There will be required:

7 tons	Varnish
5	Ground chalk
4	Copper Vitriol
2	Roofing sheet
1.5	Nails
80	Bitumen
40	Cement
600 rolls	Roofing cardboard
4000 sq. m.	Glass

(68) The NKRF Plants "Lenin" and "Third International" in Astrakhan received the order to produce spare parts for special ships.

(69) In the period from 25-30 September a conference was held in Kujbyshev of the Steamship Agency managers and the directors of all NKRF plants and workshops. Problems



of preparation for the winter ship repair and production program for the next eight months were taken up. All participants in this conference appeared with written lecture notes.

(70) For the ship repair period the following offices and plants have planned for the following amounts of timber, coal, mazut, etc."

Office	Timber	Coal	Mazut	Motor Oil	Coke
Gorkij NKRF Plant "Zhdanov"	8000 cu. m.	120 tons	40 tons	250 tons	13 tons
Gorkij Plant "25 October"	10000	150	70	-----	-----
Gorkij Plant "Part Kommuna"	16000	200	70	400	20
Gorkij Plant "Karl Marx"	4000	140	140	70	-----
Molotov NKRF	7000	350	---	-----	20
NKRF Plant in Zaozere	8000	280	300	300	10
NKRF Plant in Kujbyshev	5000	200	280	100	60
Kujbyshev, for the NKRF					
Plant in the Tatar Oblast'	10000	200	100	350	25
Kryushi	4000	100	120	100	50
Alekseevka	6000	150	---	100	15
Uralsk NKRF	4000	80	200	150	5

(71) The Metal Plant in Magnitogorsk lacks round steel for the carrying out of repair work on railroad cars.

(72) The Rubber Plant in Shakino (unlocated) requires 4 carloads of fire proof brick for repair of furnaces.

(73) Molotov NKRF is receiving for 1943 imported machine tools of a value of 1,100,000 rubles.

(74) Dokshukino, Acetone Plant, will receive in September from the Technical Oil Supply in Baku 6 cars and from the Macaroni Plant in Armavir 1 car of cement. The Caucasian Alcohol Distillery in Girej will receive from the sugar refinery there 15 tons of lime.

(75) Plant 38 complains that the NKRF authorities in Kirov are not carrying out the transport of limestone.

(76) Baku, Tank Supply, receives for Plant 112 in September 2 carloads of silicate blocks from the Glass Factory in Dagestansk-ye-Ogni.

(77) Rostov, Paper Factory, receives 20 tons of cellulose in September from the Combine in Arkhangelsk.

(78) Krasnodar requires 1 ton of nails for the reconstruction work on a metal working plant in Beloretsk.

(79) In Rostov, because of the lack of delivery of the allotted 500 tons of cement, the reconstruction work is being held up.

(80) In Taganrog a Shoe Factory is mentioned, which is prepared to take orders for special shoes for the front.

(81) In Voroshilovgrad Oblast' the daily capacity of the bakeries before the war was 1254 tons. By 10 September there were repaired:

In Voroshilovgrad	100 bakeries
In Krasnodar	78 bakeries
In Bokkovo-Anthracite	13 bakeries
In Sverdlovsk	62 bakeries
In Roven'ki	16 bakeries
Total	269 bakeries

(82) By 1 October the following additional bakeries are to be put in operation:

In Voroshilovgrad	20 bakeries
In Sergo-Parizhskaya Kommuna	15 bakeries
In Ziedlung Bryan ka	20 bakeries
In Kamenka	5 bakeries
In other places	20 bakeries
Total	80 bakeries

(83) Voroshilovgrad: The brewery is completely destroyed. Any reconstruction is possible only at great expense. The Division for non-Alcoholic Beverages works with a daily capacity of 1700 liters, the Kvass Division with a daily (?) capacity of 700 liters of kvass. The Liqueur and Vodka Distillery is also completely destroyed. The plant for vodka production is to be rebuilt with a daily capacity for work of 10,000 liters.

(84) Newly identified plants:

<u>Plant</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Metal plant	Alapaevsk	
Motor vehicle plant	Gorkij	
Plant	Ejsk	Factory for spare parts
Plant 112	Kirovakan	
Plant 174	Kirovakan	Tank plant (?)
Plant 183	Kirovakan	
Plant Kirov	Kirovakan	
Plant "Metallist"	Korsov	
Plant 776	Krasnodar	
Plant "Krasnolit"	Krasnodar	
Iron Foundry	Millerovo	
Metallurgical Plant	Novotagil	
Factory	Rostov/Don	Production of coffee and tea products

<u>Plant</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Plant #10	Rostov/Don	
Plant #87	Rostov/Don	
Plant "Proletarskij Molot"	Rostov/Don	apparently produces diesel machines
Plant #125	Podolsk	
Plant Frunze #183	Chirchik (30 km. NE Tashkent)	Machine factory

#### 4. MISCELLANEOUS

(85) The NK for Communications in the Soviet Union announced on the radio on 19 August 1943 that a new series of postage stamps would be issued shortly. The stamps bear pictures of sharpshooters and soldiers who have especially distinguished themselves.

(86) Molotov NKRF receives the order to transport on a special passenger steamer to Moscow a kindergarten of 200 children belonging to personnel of the NK for Construction.

(87) In a conversation from Moscow to Krasnoyarsk a hydrographic expedition "Leizenberg" was mentioned. The chief of this expedition is to appear in Moscow with precise evidence for his report.

#### 5. CIVIL AIR FLEET

(88) In several offices of the Civil Air Fleet the preparations for the winter flying season are in full swing. The offices in Erevan, Tbilisi, Tashkent, Yakutsk, the Group Trutaev, and the 4th Air Regiment have finished their preparation in part.

(89) The offices of the Civil Air Fleet in Yakutsk receive the following deliveries for the Airlines Directorate of other offices.

- 1700 pairs padded trousers
- 182 half furs
- 1700 caps
- 50 fur winter helmets
- 2200 pairs fur gloves
- 584 pairs boots
- 88 pairs fur undershorts
- 300 pairs wool socks

(90) Newly identified or confirmed were the following units of the Civil Air Fleet:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
58th Independent Air Regiment	---	first appearance
Air Escadrille	Chimkent (125 km. NNE Tashkent)	first appearance
Flight	Tashkent	Commander Volkov, flight has training mission

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